

math, or STEM. That's why I am proud to represent an excellent institution of learning like John C. Myers Elementary School in Broadway, Virginia, in the U.S. House of Representatives. John C. Myers is leading the country in promoting STEM education for young students with its STEM Lab known as Jake's Nest.

In April 2018, John C. Myers was recognized at the International Technology and Engineering Educator Association's annual conference. The STEM program at John C. Myers was only one of 39 programs worldwide to earn the Program Excellence Award. This prestigious award is one of the highest honors given to technology and engineering education programs at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

I commend John C. Myers Elementary for inspiring children in the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia to take an interest in STEM. Together, the teachers, administrators, and staff have cultivated a unique place of learning for their students that engages them in innovative educational opportunities. As the need for students educated in STEM fields grows across both the Commonwealth of Virginia and the country, John C. Myers will continue to help prepare students to meet this demand. Congratulations to John C. Myers Elementary for this well-deserved honor. Go Jakes.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2018*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the Chamber on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, and Wednesday, June 6, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call votes 231, 232, 233, 236, 237, 238 and 239. I would have voted nay on Roll Call votes 234 and 235.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLIE ALLEN

### HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2018*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor and remember the life of Charlie Allen, a dedicated community leader and philanthropist, who left a profound impact on the Marshall County Airport and the Lacon, Illinois community.

Born in Peoria, Illinois in 1933, Charlie displayed natural leadership qualities at a young age. Charlie graduated from Michigan State University in 1955 and immediately enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he first fell in love with aviation.

Following Charlie's service to our country, he returned to Lacon to run the family business, the Allen Lumber Company. In 2005, Charlie retired from the Allen Lumber Company, but that did not stop him from making an impact around the community. Charlie's love for the Lacon community is evident in his commitment to the local Rotary Club, where he never missed a meeting in over 50 years.

Charlie served on numerous boards, including the First National Bank of Lacon and the

Lacon Chamber of Commerce. But, everyone knew Charlie's favorite board to serve on was the Marshall County Airport, which he was the president of from 1966 until his passing. It was Charlie's effort that brought together the first Fly-in Breakfast, now held annually on Father's Day, and has become one of the biggest attractions in the area.

We mourn the passing of Charlie, a friend and co-pilot to many. He left a lasting impact on those who had the pleasure of working and flying with him. His memory will be forever entwined in the fabric of the Lacon community and the Marshall County Airport.

JOHN ELLIS GOLDSMITH

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2018*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize John Goldsmith a native of Greenville, Illinois.

For well over 25 years, John has logged countless hours of dedicated service to his community. One of John's many projects was the establishment of the Demoulin Museum. For John's efforts in opening this museum, he was recently awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution Historic Preservation Medal.

Today the Demoulin Brothers & Company is the leading maker in marching band uniforms, but they got their start making fraternal lodge initiation regalia. John and his late mother Norma amassed and preserved a collection of historic artifacts from the company that was founded in 1892.

John has turned what began as a hobby with his mother into a museum that has drawn visitors from all 50 states and even internationally to his hometown of Greenville. Recently, John has preserved a church building dating to the 1890's to serve as the permanent home of the Demoulin Museum.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to send my most sincere congratulations to John in receiving the Daughters of the American Revolution Historic Preservation Medal.

#### RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF U.S.-TAIWAN RELATIONS

### HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2018*

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the vital importance to U.S.-Taiwan relations, and for the peace, security and stability of the Western Pacific, of the inauguration on June 12th of a new office complex for the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT).

The inauguration ceremony for this new facility will be attended by a number of dignitaries, including Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen. This event represents much more than the opening of just another new office complex in Taipei. It stands as a concrete example of the firm commitment and unbreakable bonds that exist between the peoples of the United States and Taiwan.

Next year will mark the 40th anniversary of the passage and signing into law of the Tai-

wan Relations Act (TRA) which has served as a cornerstone for our vigorous security, economic and people-to-people bilateral relationship. It was a proud moment in the history of the American Congress when we took the lead in assuring that the diplomatic recognition to Beijing would not come at the expense of Taiwan. The people of Taiwan have earned our friendship and support as they share our own dedication to democracy, human rights and a free market economy.

Let us stand with Taiwan here again today by recognizing the upgrading of the American presence on Taiwan through the inauguration of this new AIT facility.

ALL CAPS

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, they finally did it. For the first time in franchise history, the WASHINGTON CAPITALS are Stanley Cup champions.

When time expired in Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Finals, throngs of red-clad fans inside the arena in Las Vegas and on the streets of Washington threw up their arms in jubilation, celebrating a victory that was a long time coming.

Year after year in recent times, the CAPS posted impressive records during the regular season only to falter in the playoffs. Even this year, the CAPS found themselves with their backs against the wall throughout the playoffs, going down 0-2 in the series against Columbus and dropping three straight games against Tampa Bay. But the team never gave up and battled through adversity on their way to winning hockey's ultimate crown.

The CAPS are loaded with some of hockey's top talent, from T.J. Oshie, whose dazzling shootout moves in a Team USA jersey captivated the world at the 2014 Winter Olympics, to Alexander Ovechkin, one of the NHL's most prolific goal scorers and long-time CAPS captain. And of course one cannot forget Braden Holtby, their goaltender, their masked crusader whose desperation save in Game 2 against Las Vegas embodied the CAPS' stern resolve in achieving their goal.

Included in this formidable array of players is center Lars Eller, the first Danish player to hoist the Stanley Cup. Eller proved to be vital to the CAPS in their Cup run. He scored the game-winning goal in double-overtime against Columbus to prevent the CAPS from going 0-3 down in the series, and last week he put the puck into the Vegas goal with just minutes to go, breaking the game's deadlock and launching his team into the history books. Eller's family and friends were watching in a movie theater back in his hometown of Rodovre, Denmark, where the clock read 2:22am at puck drop and past 5am when Eller scored his fateful goal. He has since been hailed as a hero in his native country, with accounts of his Cup-clinching goal dominating the national media on Friday morning.

Mr. Speaker, the CAPITALS' Stanley Cup triumph shows us why sports are so important to our society. They bring people together and inspire us to dream. So congratulations to Lars Eller, the rest of the CAPITALS organization, and the city of Washington on a historic victory.